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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES TO
SECRETARY - CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT BUENOS AIRES MFM

THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER VIGNES TO SECRETARY TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPART-
MENT BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, DATED NOVEMBER 25.

1. QUOTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER
THE SAME DAY I WAS WRITING ONE TO YOU AND THUS I WILL
SCARCELY MODIFY IT.

2. YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT
AND THE OUTCOME OF OUR PERMANENT, OPEN AND CORDIAL
DIALOGUE, WHICH IS TODAY RENEWED BY THE WISH OF SEEKING

A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND
FOR ALL AMERICA.

3. DURING OUR TALKS IN ROME AND PREVIOUSLY IN WASHINGTON,
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WE DEEMED THAT THE MATTER OF CUBA SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO

BUENOS AIRES. THE CONFERENCE IN QUITO PRODUCED AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH NEITHER YOU NOR I HAD PREVIOUSLY FORE-SEEN, BUT ONCE THE IDEA WAS LAUNCHED, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP IT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE TO LET SOME TIME PASS TO GIVE PLACE TO THE NORMAL EVOLUTION AND

PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS THIS SITUATION NEEDED.

4. I BELIEVE THAT A WIDE MAJORITY SHOULD BE OBTAINED ON THIS MATTER. IN THIS REGARD YOUR OPINION AND YOUR EFFORT WILL BE FUNDAMENTAL SO THAT CUBA WILL BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES, UNDER THE STRICT CONDITIONS THAT SHE MUST ATTEND WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND DEMONSTRATING AN UNQUESTIONABLE RESPECT TO ALL COUNTRIES AND ALL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED.

5. ONCE WE OBTAIN YOUR FAVORABLE OPINION, AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, I WOULD BE READY TO UNDERTAKE THE CORRESPONDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND HARMONY WHICH SHOULD PREVAIL IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

6. THUS, AS YOU STATE, THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND IN CLOSED MEETINGS, WE COULD FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE IMPOSED SANCTIONS.

7. I SHARE YOUR IDEA, EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS IN ROME, THAT THE CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES MUST BE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE SUFFICIENT COLLATERAL TOPICS OF INTEREST SUCH AS COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TRANSFERENCE OF TECHNOLOGY, TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, FOR IT TO BE A SUCCESS, BUT IT MUST BE ACCEPTED THAT AFTER QUITO, THE SITUATION OF CUBA CANNOT BE IGNORED NOR LEFT IN SUSPENSE.

8. AS YOU ARE AWARE, MY ACTION HAS BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE WISH TO REACH PERFECT INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND I HAVE

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NEVER REFERRED TO THE INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY IN A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BUT TO THAT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THIS CONTINENT, IN THE BELIEF THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, IS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR AMERICA'S FINAL REALIZATION.

9. REGARDING INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE, I HAVE DECIDED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CREATED IN OUR EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON AND THE NECESSARY CONTACTS MADE WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. ROGERS. CORDIALLY,
ALBERTO J. VIGNES. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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